(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. Government regret their inabilty to place on the table the inspection reports received from their officers.

(*d*) The Director reports that he has paid eight visits to the three institutions during the year 1097, but he has made no detailed inspection.

(*e*) The Director obtains personal knowledge of the institutions referred to by occasional visits to them and by interviews and conversations with the Principals and members of the staff.

EXPENDITURE ON MINOR IRRIGATION WORKS.

63. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any special reasons for the expenditure on minor irrigation works of the State decreasing, instead of increasing, in proportion to the increase in the revenues of the State?

(*b*) Have the officers concerned submitted to Government any report relating to the execution of minor irrigation works in the agricultural areas of the Southern Division lying outside the area commanded by the Kodayar Project? Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on those reports? Will they issue orders to supply a statement relating to the same?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Reports from the Dewan Peishkars of Padmanabhapuram and Trivandrum and from the Chief Engineer have been received *in re* restoration of irrigation tanks in the Kalkulam, Eraniel and Vilavankod taluks after protracted negotiations with the ryots. The question is engaging the attention of Government.

KODAYAR P. W. DIVISION AND EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MR. ARUNACHALAM AIYAR.

64. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state for how many years Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar has now been in charge of the Kodayar Division?

(*b*) Has the Chief Engineer recommended to Government the transfer of Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar from the Kodayar Division?

(*c*) Are there any special grounds for ignoring the recommendation of the head of the department?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing how many contracts were given by Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar in 1097, without receiving tenders, and to whom they were given, against the provisions of the P. W. D. Code?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar has been in charge of the Division since the 20th May, 1915.

(*b*) In July, 1921, the Chief Engineer recommended his transfer to the Alwaye Division.

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